MR CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Action against tax defaulters

*23. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH' SURYA': Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 5049 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 2002 and state:

(a) what specific action has been initiated against the tax defaulters and when;

(b) the amount payable by these companies individually and since when;

(c) what is the extent of penalty in terms of amount and whether at any time any penal amount has been waived; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) After creation of demand, action under section 221 of the IT Act was taken against these companies in October, 2001. Necessary penalty proceedings have also been initiated and prosecution launched in March, 2002. In the case of one of the defaulters, notice under section 221 was issued in January, 2002.

(b) The amount payable will be established after finalisation of the cases.

(c) No penal amount has been waived at any stage. Penalty is determined after finalisation of case.

(d) Does not arise as no penalty has been waived at any stage.

Behaviour of Marshals in the flights

*24. SHRI P. PRABHAKARREDDY:

SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item